[Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan.]

Then the G. O. on recruitment to the Public Service laid down another principle and Government ordered that all appointments should be regarded as provisional. Owing to a conjuncture of such circumstances a good number of people with considerable acting service remained unconfirmed. But the matter is now receiving attention.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know in answer to part (*f*) the number of fresh hands who were entertained in service over-looking the claims of acting hands?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): About 19.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know the reasons for that?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): In some cases it was due to retrenchment. Owing to retrenchment in the Colleges, people who were retrenched had to be provided for in the schools. In other cases it was due to superior academic qualifications.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know wrether any raw-men are included in the number 19?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): The honourable member must explain what he means by raw-men?

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): Besides those who were transferred from Colleges the member said that some hands were newly entertained. I want to know the number of fresh men so entertained?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): A few men with superior qualifications, mostly western, were preferred to acting men.

Cultivation of Tobacco in Travancore.

76. *MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have passed the rules regarding the question of cultivation of tobacco in Travancore; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative, the reasons for the same?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*):

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Draft Rules for regulating the cultivation of tobacco are under the consideration of Government.

Private School Teachers.

77. *MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanachery I*): Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement showing the number of private school teachers belonging to each of the various communities recognised in the matter of recruitment to Public Service?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Government consider that the time and labour involved in collecting the information, asked for by the member, are out of all proportion to its possible utility.

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